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REMARKS

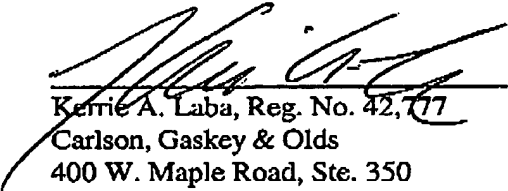
Claims 1-12 and 14-20 are currently pending in the application including independent claims 1, 6, and 17.

Claims 6 and 17-20 are allowed. Claims 13 and 14 are indicated as allowable. Claim 13 has been incorporated into claim 1, from which claim 13 directly depended. Thus, claims 1-5, 7-12, and 14-16 should now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-12, 15, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bartoli. Claims 3 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bartoli in view of Sallourn. These rejections are moot in light of the amendments set forth above.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

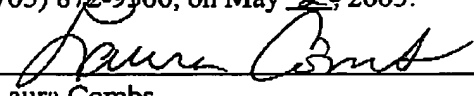
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